

THE MIRROR

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED

Interesting Items Gathered From All Parts of the World Condensed Into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Congressional.

The federal supreme court declined to enjoin Des Moines, Ia., from enforcing its 90-cent gas ordinance pending consideration by the court of its constitutionality.

That a protectorate over that portion of Mexico in which American interests are would soon be established, was the announcement in a recent Washington dispatch.

President Taft has granted a full and absolute pardon to John W. Hall, ex-United States district attorney at Portland, Ore., who was convicted June 1 of conspiracy in unlawful fencing of public lands.

Senator Bristow of Kansas has introduced a bill providing for a preference primary for the selection of postmasters.

The House adjourned for the holiday recess without waiting for the third message of President Taft. The Senate remained in session until the message was read.

For nearly five hours J. Pierpont Morgan, the Wall Street magnate, was before the congressional committee investigating the "money trust." Mr. Morgan said that all the banks in Christendom could not form a monopoly that would control money. He also said he did not seek the vast financial power credited to him and did not realize that he possessed it.

President Taft is reported to have sent a warning to Mexico regarding the attacks on American lives and property by rebels in that country.

Domestic Items.

Jerry McMurry, 17 years old, walked into a drug store at Hartsborne, Ok., took a bottle of poison from the shelf and drank the contents after remarking that he was tired of living. He died soon afterward.

Charles S. Mellon, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad; E. J. Chamberlin, president of the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada, and Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of the Grand Trunk board of directors, have been indicted by the federal grand jury at New York charged with violating the Sherman anti-trust law.

The Alton "Hammer" on the way from Chicago to Kansas City was held up near Springfield, Ill., and the express car robbed of valuables estimated to be worth \$50,000. The bandits did not molest the passengers. Poses immediately started in pursuit of the robbers.

The Union Pacific railway has made application to the Department of Commerce and Labor for permission to operate a wireless service along its lines.

Four indictments have been returned by a Coalgate, Ok., grand jury against C. H. Witter, a banker of Tupelo, Ok. He is charged with embezzlement and destroying bank records.

Within sight of scores of people in Buffalo, N. Y., a highwayman held up two clerks in the city ticket office of the Grand Trunk Railway and stole \$327.

The supreme court of Kansas has denied a writ of habeas corpus to John A. Flack, the defaulting cashier of the Abilene (Kan.) State Bank.

An unidentified negro was shot and killed by a Burns detective while attempting to rob the express car on the Frisco "meteor" near Chandler, Ok. It was said the negro had killed a man at Chandler before boarding the train.

While handling a package that contained a revolver intended as a Christmas present, the express agent at Dardanelle, Ark., accidentally shot and killed a bystander. He was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

Twenty thousand men of the warships of the Atlantic fleet will contribute 25 cents each to purchase a wedding present for Miss Helen Gould as an appreciation of what she has done for the service.

The Opera House block in Mayaville, Mo., was recently destroyed by fire which caught during the progress of a film show. Three persons were injured in the panic which followed. The loss was \$52,000.

J. H. Logue, a diamond merchant of Chicago, was found murdered in his office in the business district of Chicago. The body was badly mutilated and the evidence was plain that the victim had been tortured before his death. The police believe the crime was committed out of revenge. Some years ago Mr. Logue had been the prosecuting witness against diamond thieves.

The fire drill saved the lives of 400 school children at Springfield, Mo., when fire broke out during Christmas exercises in the Bowerman school. The children marched out in two minutes. The building was entirely destroyed.

Patrick T. Keleher, apparently insane, forced his way into the home of Bishop John J. Hogan of the Catholic diocese of Kansas City and demanded \$100,000,000. When taken in charge by the police he told them that he had intended to kill the venerable bishop if his demand was not complied with.

A thief entered the apartment of Miss Nina J. Hanna in broad daylight at Kansas City and stole jewelry and clothing worth \$7,000. Most of the jewels taken were family heirlooms.

The police of Kansas City have received information that Bruce M. Priddy, secretary of Real Estate Exchange, who committed suicide December 1, was hounded to his death by blackmailers.

Twenty-five thousand employees of the Frisco railway system were granted old age and disability pensions as a Christmas gift, according to an announcement from the general offices in St. Louis. The plan will be effective on July 1 next.

Governor-elect Hodges of Kansas has announced the appointment of Charles Sawyer of Norton as bank commissioner, Frank Comisky of Pittsburg as state coal oil inspector and W. E. Brooks of Fort Scott as member of the board of control.

Foreign Affairs.

As the royal parade was entering the gate of Delhi, the new capital of India, a native threw a bomb from a housetop which struck the howdah in which Viceroy Hardinge and Lady Hardinge were sitting. The explosion wounded the viceroy in the shoulder, killed one attendant and wounded another. Lady Hardinge was uninjured. The assassin escaped.

The Russian government has discovered an alleged revolutionary plot among students in St. Petersburg.

Two violent earthquake shocks occurred at Messina and Reggio di Calabria, Sicily. The disturbance caused a great panic but there were no casualties.

A force of 250 federal troops are reported to have been annihilated by Mexican rebels at Ascencion, Mex., recently.

Twenty-two of the twenty-seven members of the crew of the Furness line steamer Florence, lost their lives in the wreck of the vessel on the ledges west of St. Shotts during a strong gale.

SHOT UP A WEDDING PARTY

AS RESULT OF ILLINOIS CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY TWO WILL DIE.

A Carpenter Shot by Policeman After Shooting His Mother-in-Law Captured by Ruse.

Springfield, Ill.—A Christmas wedding ceremony at Taylorville, Ill., 35 miles east of here, was converted into a tragedy, and two persons are at the point of death.

John Belder, a carpenter, to avenge some grievance he is said to have entertained against his wife, shot his mother-in-law, Mrs. Emma Fisher, 68 years old, and battled with the Taylorville police. He was cornered and caught by a ruse. When captured it was found Belder had been shot near the heart by one of the officers. Mrs. Fisher and Belder will die.

Belder went to the home of Mrs. Fisher in the residence district of Taylorville, where relatives had gathered for the wedding of his stepdaughter, Miss Elsie Bates, to Ora Redfern.

He followed the pastor, the Rev. M. G. Coleman, of the Taylorville Methodist church, into the home, drew a revolver and began firing at his wife. She ran out of the back door, followed by her husband. Three shots were fired. None was effective. The frightened guests retreated with the exception of Mrs. Fisher and the bride and groom, who took refuge in separate rooms on the upper floor.

Going to the room occupied by Mrs. Fisher, Belder fired six times through the door. The first bullet took effect in the woman's abdomen. She finally crawled out of the window and escaped to the home of Dr. A. F. Turner. She was taken to a Taylorville hospital. After shooting Mrs. Fisher Belder went to the room in which Miss Bates and Redfern had taken refuge and fired five shots, none of which took effect.

HIS BODY IDENTIFIED BY A DOG

Missouri Man Burned to Death in Woods Near Richmond, the Theory of Neighbors.

Richmond, Mo.—When Jacob Bellis found the body of a man in the woods near here, a dog stood near, howling. The dog was that of Thomas Davenport, a farmer, and because of the incident a coroner's jury decided that the body was that of Davenport, who has been missing since Monday.

Davenport, William Vance and Jesse Vance started Monday night on a hunt for a "bee tree" to obtain Christmas honey. They found the tree, built a fire of logs and rested. When the Vances were ready to start back Davenport was not and they left him sitting beside the huge fire.

A SON OF JOHN BROWN IS DEAD

When His Father Raided Harper's Ferry, Jason Brown Was Recruiting Negroes.

Akron, Ohio.—Jason Brown, 30 years old, second son of John Brown, famous as the leader of the raid on Harper's Ferry at the outbreak of the Civil War, died at his home here. He was actively engaged in recruiting and enlisting a company of negroes from among those smuggled into Canada by the "underground railroad," when the Harper's Ferry incident occurred. A younger brother, Salmon Brown, lives at Portland, Ore.

Negro Club at Lake Geneva. Chicago, Illinois.—The purchase of a summer home and model farm by Jack Johnson, the negro heavy weight pugilist, in the exclusive millionaire colony of Lake Geneva, is to be followed by the establishment of a negro club there, it has been announced.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Yearling Bull Brings \$400.

The Missouri College of Agriculture has recently sold a yearling son of Carlotta Pontiac to go to Old Mexico. The purchaser is the owner of a dairy herd of 800 cows, furnishing milk to the City of Mexico. The sale price was \$400. Carlotta Pontiac is a Holstein cow, bred and owned by the College of Agriculture. During the past year she has produced ninety-three barrels of milk containing 708 pounds of fat, which is equivalent to \$27 pounds of butter.

Urge Revision Convention.

In resolutions adopted, the fifth annual convention of the League of Missouri Municipalities points out defects in the state judiciary, election and taxation systems and urges the calling of a convention to revise the constitution. These officers were elected: President, Sam D. Hodgdon, Webster Groves; vice-president, H. D. Reynolds, Webb City; secretary, Sidney J. Roy, Hannibal.

New Officers of Poultry Association.

The Missouri State Poultry association at its annual meeting in Springfield selected Kansas City as the place for the state poultry show in 1913, and elected these officers: C. A. Morton, St. Louis, president; V. O. Hobbs, Trenton, vice-president; T. E. Quisenberry, Mountain Grove, secretary and treasurer. Morton succeeds as president W. C. Knorpp of Pleasant Hill.

Friction Fired a Wagon.

F. B. Green, a farmer living near Smithton, was driving to market with a load of millet. An iron guard over a rear wheel worked loose and fell across the tire of the wheel. The friction caused the guard to become heated so that it ignited the millet, and Green had all he could do to unhitch the team before the millet and wagon were burned.

No Quotations Committees.

Charles Scheitling, president of the St. Louis Butter, Egg and Poultry exchange, announced all quotations committees would be abolished until further notice. This step was taken following the same action by the Chicago and New York butter and egg boards when the government proceeded against the latter on complaint of fixing prices.

Plan College Endowment.

Plans for raising an endowment of \$100,000 for the Central college for Women at Lexington, were discussed by its curators the other day. Of this sum, \$2,000 was subscribed at the meeting. The rest will be procured by stock subscriptions. The college is a Methodist church (South) institution.

Receivers Sell Sedalia Light Plant.

A \$100,000 deal, in which E. F. Swinney of Kansas City and W. H. Powell of Sedalia, receivers, transfer properties of the Sedalia Light and Traction Company to Arthur E. Spencer of Joplin, was consummated at Sedalia when the deeds were filed.

Tipton Mystery Solved.

J. Jackson of St. Louis arrived at Tipton and identified the man put off the train at Tipton with his mind a blank, as his brother-in-law, and gave his name as Charles De Quien. The two departed for Webster Groves, the man's home.

Kansas City Quits State League.

Kansas City has dropped from the State League of Municipalities because Mayor Jost thinks that city could not afford to pay the \$70 annual dues, according to a letter received by S. J. Roy, secretary of the league.